

# Florida Forever Natural Resource Acquisition Progress Report

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This is the thirtieth Progress Report for the Florida Forever environmental land acquisition program. The reports are produced at the request of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of State Lands, as part of the Florida Natural Areas Inventory’s contract to provide scientific expertise and analysis to inform the Florida Forever program.

These reports document the progress of Florida Forever Board of Trustees (FFBOT), water management district (FFWMD), Florida Communities Trust (FCT) and other Florida Forever program acquisitions toward meeting the goals and measures of the Florida Forever program. Progress is measured using the natural resource data layers developed or compiled by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory and presented in the Conservation Needs Assessment Summary and Technical Reports (available online at [www.fnai.org/FIForever.cfm](http://www.fnai.org/FIForever.cfm)).

For this report, Florida Forever acquisitions include those properties for which transactions have closed from the inception of the program in July 2001 through September 2021. The following table lists total acquisitions through Sep 2021. Note that acreages are calculated in GIS for parcels with digital boundaries and do not include all small parcels. Parcels that FFBOT or FFWMD acquired in combination with non-Florida Forever funds (e.g., a separate agency funding source or another funding partner) are counted entirely as Florida Forever purchases.

**Table 1. Florida Forever Acres Acquired by Program: July 2001-Sept 2021**

<b>Program*</b>	<b>Full Fee</b>	<b>Less-than-Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
FFBOT	364,311	151,166	515,477
FWMD	178,803	101,312	280,115
FCT	47,243	-	47,243
Inholdings and Additions (I&A)			
DEP/Office of Greenways and Trails	2,756	-	2,756
DEP/Division of Recreation and Parks	6,217	-	6,217
FDACS/Florida Forest Service	18,073	7,157	25,230
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	12,302	-	12,302
Rural and Family Lands Protection Program (included with I&A in attached table)	-	2,900	2,900
Stan Mayfield Working Waterfronts (not included in attached table)	5	-	5
<b>Total Florida Forever Acquisitions</b>	<b>629,711</b>	<b>262,538</b>	<b>892,249</b>

\*Program is the primary Florida Forever funding source. Parcels acquired in combination with other funding sources or partners are attributed entirely to the primary program in the acreage summary.

The attached Florida Forever Summary of Resource Acres Protected on Conservation Lands (Summary) shows the baseline of natural resources protected on conservation lands at the onset of the Florida Forever program. The baseline represents the starting point from which Florida Forever’s progress will be measured. The Summary also reports additional acreage of each resource acquired by the Florida Forever program as of September 2021.

The Florida Natural Areas Inventory updates our managed areas database quarterly with the latest information available from land managing agencies. We also maintain a separate parcel database of Florida Forever acquisitions which is updated biannually. In addition to newly acquired parcels, updates may also include boundary revisions or deletions as agencies provide improved information. The September 2021 update to the Florida Forever acquired parcel and the managed areas databases were used to calculate acquisitions since the onset of the Florida Forever program for this report. In addition to Florida Forever acquisitions, many parcels were added to managed area boundaries, as part of the continual building and maintenance of the database. These lands may represent federal, local, or private acquisitions, other state acquisition programs, or revisions to existing managed area boundaries. These lands are split into two columns in the Summary: Other Lands Acquired within FL Forever Projects (453,557 total acres) and Other Lands Added to the FNAI Database since July 2001 (741,028 total acres).

MEASURES	Total Statewide Acres	Baseline At start of FL Forever July 2001	Conservation Lands				Other Lands Acquired within FL Forever Projects <sup>b</sup>	Other Lands Added to FNAI Database since July 2001 <sup>b</sup>	Remaining Acres	Percent Protected July 2001	Percent Protected Sep 2021
			BOT <sup>a</sup>	WMDs <sup>a</sup>	OGT, A&I, RFLPP <sup>a</sup>	FCT <sup>a</sup>					
<b><u>B1: Strategic Habitat Conservation Areas</u></b>											
Priority 1	3,791,010	1,728,190	129,160	12,400	7,560	2,730	103,370	115,710	1,691,890	46%	55%
Priority 2	5,306,590	3,091,630	96,930	65,150	14,310	10,930	123,880	195,180	1,708,580	58%	68%
Priority 3	9,671,840	3,510,890	204,970	146,750	21,770	21,600	160,520	264,000	5,341,340	36%	45%
Priority 4	219,270	142,310	8,230	12,440	1,840	1,970	6,730	14,430	31,320	65%	86%
Priority 5	5,796,030	340,270	62,550	18,030	2,590	2,450	49,370	48,850	5,271,920	6%	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,784,740</b>	<b>8,813,290</b>	<b>501,840</b>	<b>254,770</b>	<b>48,070</b>	<b>39,680</b>	<b>443,870</b>	<b>638,170</b>	<b>14,045,050</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b><u>B2: FNAI Habitat Conservation Priorities</u></b>											
Priority 1	949,930	589,150	27,710	7,460	1,080	510	7,790	7,900	308,330	62%	68%
Priority 2	2,242,280	1,678,470	31,800	5,750	2,260	1,720	30,100	45,460	446,720	75%	80%
Priority 3	2,455,580	1,379,010	83,410	14,570	2,710	1,830	44,400	48,100	881,550	56%	64%
Priority 4	4,601,590	2,156,410	121,200	54,820	13,510	6,330	100,140	149,470	1,999,710	47%	57%
Priority 5	6,747,500	1,603,520	147,420	74,130	14,160	11,970	147,020	161,410	4,587,870	24%	32%
Priority 6	3,204,060	587,500	15,020	36,360	7,580	6,220	36,110	84,770	2,430,500	18%	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,200,940</b>	<b>7,994,060</b>	<b>426,560</b>	<b>193,090</b>	<b>41,300</b>	<b>28,580</b>	<b>365,560</b>	<b>497,110</b>	<b>10,654,680</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b><u>B3: Ecological Greenways</u></b>											
Priority 1	11,006,740	6,660,960	357,780	126,190	27,380	3,110	228,640	248,660	3,354,020	61%	70%
Priority 2	5,225,680	1,242,330	90,220	75,120	13,060	11,890	120,860	145,720	3,526,480	24%	33%
Priority 3	1,441,690	202,390	13,750	50,340	260	1,230	21,360	33,880	1,118,480	14%	22%
Priority 4	1,898,260	280,930	30,520	10,550	1,940	9,490	25,160	54,950	1,484,720	15%	22%
Priority 5	3,524,400	452,080	15,000	11,270	5,560	4,460	44,270	164,160	2,827,600	13%	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,096,770</b>	<b>8,838,690</b>	<b>507,270</b>	<b>273,470</b>	<b>48,200</b>	<b>30,180</b>	<b>440,290</b>	<b>647,370</b>	<b>12,311,300</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b><u>B4: Under-represented Natural Communities</u></b>											
Upland Glade (G1)	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0%	0%
Pine Rockland (G1)	16,900	15,770	120	0	0	0	80	140	790	93%	95%
Scrub (G2)	507,420	352,320	5,530	970	760	960	7,170	6,610	133,100	69%	74%
Rockland Hammock (G2)	20,670	15,790	440	0	0	20	730	160	3,530	76%	83%
Dry Prairie (G2)	155,000	92,640	6,110	480	670	0	3,410	4,780	46,910	60%	70%
Seepage Slope (G2)	6,270	6,230	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	100%	100%
Sandhill (G3)	829,600	490,600	11,540	2,450	1,580	170	3,260	9,520	310,480	59%	63%
Sandhill Lake (G3)	76,280	14,120	150	310	20	10	200	560	60,910	19%	20%
Upland Pine (G3)	218,790	160,610	3,560	450	1,470	0	210	3,400	49,090	73%	78%
Pine Flatwoods (G4)	2,379,500	1,093,420	91,000	26,640	3,960	4,750	65,240	43,480	1,051,010	46%	56%
Upland Hardwood (G5)	200,530	32,460	630	1,080	440	990	280	1,790	162,860	16%	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,410,990</b>	<b>2,273,960</b>	<b>119,080</b>	<b>32,380</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>80,580</b>	<b>70,440</b>	<b>1,818,750</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b><u>B5: Landscape-sized Protection Areas</u></b>											
<i>Acres acquired within contiguous conservation lands ≥ 50,000 acres</i>	n/a	<b>7,499,730</b>	<b>410,410</b>	<b>194,130</b>	<b>34,340</b>	<b>15,780</b>	<b>284,850</b>	<b>330,350</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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			BOT <sup>a</sup>	WMDs <sup>a</sup>							
<b><u>C3: Natural Floodplain Function</u></b>											
Priority 1	4,673,600	4,055,180	43,190	40,090	7,350	4,090	84,440	73,970	365,290	87%	92%
Priority 2	2,553,550	1,351,890	62,190	42,770	5,310	3,330	66,710	124,190	897,160	53%	65%
Priority 3	2,651,650	563,960	89,560	46,020	4,620	6,190	70,540	92,350	1,778,410	21%	33%
Priority 4	2,847,060	166,480	66,830	25,170	5,360	5,620	44,480	80,000	2,453,120	6%	14%
Priority 5	975,560	37,240	19,900	5,870	1,480	1,500	15,060	39,290	855,220	4%	12%
Priority 6	1,615,540	71,850	3,730	6,420	150	1,360	2,700	37,200	1,492,130	4%	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,316,960</b>	<b>6,246,600</b>	<b>285,400</b>	<b>166,340</b>	<b>24,270</b>	<b>22,090</b>	<b>283,930</b>	<b>447,000</b>	<b>7,841,330</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b><u>C4: Surface Water Protection</u></b>											
Priority 1	2,828,240	1,421,940	54,650	16,490	3,170	5,030	71,810	109,580	1,145,570	50%	59%
Priority 2	5,498,280	3,581,610	70,270	61,150	12,340	3,280	77,070	134,110	1,558,450	65%	72%
Priority 3	1,883,970	401,870	37,760	20,040	2,060	3,590	15,450	31,570	1,371,630	21%	27%
Priority 4	8,595,280	2,315,670	225,040	106,310	23,970	13,240	182,120	202,480	5,526,450	27%	36%
Priority 5	3,892,910	334,360	37,210	16,640	2,250	5,150	32,960	65,880	3,398,460	9%	13%
Priority 6	5,725,460	577,360	77,560	43,940	4,190	10,300	59,700	82,860	4,869,550	10%	15%
Priority 7	2,237,700	66,530	4,810	6,740	550	810	5,970	44,000	2,108,290	3%	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,661,840</b>	<b>8,699,340</b>	<b>507,300</b>	<b>271,310</b>	<b>48,530</b>	<b>41,400</b>	<b>445,080</b>	<b>670,480</b>	<b>19,978,400</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>C5: Minimize Damage from Flooding</b>	<b>16,237,450</b>	<b>6,309,470</b>	<b>288,460</b>	<b>168,370</b>	<b>24,410</b>	<b>22,420</b>	<b>286,100</b>	<b>451,630</b>	<b>8,686,590</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b><u>C6: Fragile Coastal Resources</u></b>											
Fragile Coastal Uplands	81,370	62,500	740	40	30	70	1,050	1,480	15,460	77%	81%
Imperiled Coastal Lakes	1,530	540	0	0	0	0	0	0	990	35%	35%
Coastal Wetlands	999,310	742,820	4,990	2,290	330	1,910	31,800	53,640	161,530	74%	84%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,082,210</b>	<b>805,860</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>32,850</b>	<b>55,120</b>	<b>177,980</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b><u>C7: Functional Wetlands</u></b>											
Priority 1	4,473,110	3,879,220	43,650	36,830	7,160	4,180	82,180	72,510	347,380	87%	92%
Priority 2	2,267,660	1,159,310	51,110	38,070	4,720	3,500	59,430	117,150	834,370	51%	63%
Priority 3	2,128,190	383,570	47,100	38,360	3,720	5,890	59,840	76,340	1,513,370	18%	29%
Priority 4	1,806,580	104,380	35,000	15,310	2,130	4,520	30,010	49,680	1,565,550	6%	13%
Priority 5	404,790	15,620	3,620	2,150	280	1,060	3,080	12,910	366,070	4%	10%
Priority 6	283,610	10,010	190	180	10	680	220	6,370	265,950	4%	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,363,940</b>	<b>5,552,110</b>	<b>180,670</b>	<b>130,900</b>	<b>18,020</b>	<b>19,830</b>	<b>234,760</b>	<b>334,960</b>	<b>4,892,690</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b><u>D3: Aquifer Recharge</u></b>											
Priority 1	1,122,030	212,340	15,390	5,580	770	1,030	3,760	6,330	876,830	19%	22%
Priority 2	3,310,030	450,210	28,890	19,620	4,420	3,990	13,450	29,410	2,760,040	14%	17%
Priority 3	6,133,020	899,350	67,110	46,700	7,260	8,070	60,770	87,970	4,955,790	15%	19%
Priority 4	7,555,200	1,286,240	145,790	71,660	10,740	11,460	107,330	150,210	5,771,770	17%	24%
Priority 5	6,685,890	1,392,360	131,620	62,240	8,820	8,380	104,890	147,510	4,830,070	21%	28%
Priority 6	8,633,890	3,849,600	103,440	55,920	12,130	7,020	120,970	218,460	4,266,350	45%	51%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,440,060</b>	<b>8,090,100</b>	<b>492,240</b>	<b>261,720</b>	<b>44,140</b>	<b>39,950</b>	<b>411,170</b>	<b>639,890</b>	<b>23,460,850</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>30%</b>

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			BOT <sup>a</sup>	WMDs <sup>a</sup>	RFLPP <sup>a</sup>	FCT <sup>a</sup>					
<b>E2: Recreational Trails</b>											
Priority 1 miles	5,450	2,340	70	60	80	40	40	170	2,650	43%	51%
Priority 2 miles	4,760	1,200	130	70	10	40	70	230	3,010	25%	37%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,210</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>5,660</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>F1: Archaeological Sites<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>36,489</b>	<b>15,468</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>18,804</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>G1: Sustainable Forestry</b>											
Priority 1	1,658,100	727,370	68,980	2,820	3,060	50	15,950	15,720	824,150	44%	50%
Priority 2	2,234,050	821,440	73,530	11,800	6,110	90	34,610	26,010	1,259,560	37%	44%
Priority 3	4,851,800	1,060,430	98,560	60,720	8,700	9,200	80,610	86,530	3,447,050	22%	29%
Priority 4	38,920	18,570	840	0	0	90	1,390	380	17,650	48%	55%
Priority 5	4,717,510	242,130	73,280	27,050	4,300	6,250	57,330	106,660	4,200,510	5%	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,500,380</b>	<b>2,869,940</b>	<b>315,190</b>	<b>102,390</b>	<b>22,170</b>	<b>16,580</b>	<b>189,890</b>	<b>235,300</b>	<b>9,748,920</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>H1: Urban Service Areas</b>	<b>5,136,550</b>	<b>158,280</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>7,470</b>	<b>8,180</b>	<b>26,800</b>	<b>4,931,020</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>

<sup>a</sup>Acres acquired by each Florida Forever program as of September 2021.

<sup>b</sup>Acres acquired by programs other than Florida Forever.

Number of Imperiled Species Protected on Conservation Lands - November 2021

MEASURE	Baseline At start of FL Forever July 2001 <sup>d</sup>	OGT, A&I, RFLPP <sup>d</sup> , FCT <sup>d</sup>				Other Lands Acquired within FL Forever Projects <sup>e</sup>	Other Lands Added to FNAI Database since July 2001 <sup>e</sup>	TOTAL - All FL Forever Programs <sup>c</sup>	TOTAL - All Conservation Lands <sup>c</sup>
		BOT <sup>d</sup>	WMDs <sup>d</sup>	RFLPP <sup>d</sup>	FCT <sup>d</sup>				
<b>B6: Imperiled Species</b>									
Species occurrences <sup>f</sup>	14,667	784	171	115	98	467	636	1,130	16,074
Species with at least 1 occurrence on cons lands	977	288	100	81	52	187	242	363	1,005
federal or state endangered	372	130	31	45	19	88	99	158	384
federal or state threatened	111	61	19	13	16	49	58	68	113

<sup>c</sup>TOTAL numbers are less than the sum of all programs because numbers may overlap between programs.

<sup>d</sup>Number of species on lands acquired by each Florida Forever program as of September 2021

<sup>e</sup>Number of species on lands acquired by programs other than Florida Forever.

<sup>f</sup>An FNAI species occurrence typically represents an ecologically distinct population. A population is intended to be ecologically viable and persisting over time in order to meet the standard for an occurrence counted here. FNAI data come from many sources, including field surveys, published reports, museum collections, and other resource experts. Not all areas of the state have been surveyed for all species. The rarest elements of biodiversity are given greater emphasis in data collection efforts.